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Citicasters Licenses, Inc.
7136 S. Yale Avenue
Suite 501
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Re: Citicasters Licenses, Inc.
KJR(AM), Seattle, WA
Facility Identification Number: 48386
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 15, 2020, on behalf of Citicasters Licenses, Inc. ("CLI"). CLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KJR(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, CLI states that KJR(AM) seeks STA in accordance with Section 73.1635 of the Commission's rules due to recent construction of an approximately 180 foot self-supporting tower. CLI also states that they have been unable to identify any pre-construction notice to KJR(AM) of the new tower construction which is approximately 650 feet from the center of the KJR(AM) array. CLI believes the tower was constructed to support the facilities of microwave stations WRBT386 and WRER230 and that the project is currently managed by Motorola Solutions, Inc.

At present CLI has determined that only the KJR(AM) night pattern is impacted at the 130° and 153° monitoring points and power has been reduced to keep those points within limits. However, in an abundance of caution, the station requests STA to operate daytime and nighttime with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits while corrective action is taken.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. KJR(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KJR(AM)

¹ KJR(AM) is licensed for operation on 950 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 50 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² KJR(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 13, 2021**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,



Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).